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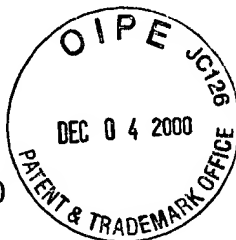
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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO 1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of the filing of the present application.

French reference 2 745 010 discloses a tube target for cathode sputtering which is composed of a plurality of elongate plates. This reference, as well as U.S. Patent No. 5,354,446,

are discussed in the specification of the present application and the Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to that discussion.

German reference 690 24 810 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,308,978, a copy of which is also enclosed.

German reference 28 23 173 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 4,211,269, a copy of which is also enclosed.

German reference 41 17 367 discloses a method for modifying a magnetic field in sputter equipment with a rotating target. Applicants do not have a complete translation of this reference, however, an English language abstract thereof is enclosed.

The German language publication provides general background information concerning sputtering technology.

The present invention defines a specific tube target which is not believed to be disclosed by the enclosed references.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that the copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

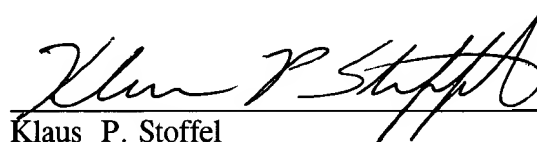
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